

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (currently amended) A method ~~for process credit card~~
enabling an establishment employee to process a
sale to a customer including obtaining credit card-
related data from a customer through a wireless hand
held device, said method comprising the steps of:

entering economic data associated with a sale to a
customer into the wireless hand held device;

reading credit card data from a credit card
provided to the establishment employee by the customer
utilizing a credit card reader integrated with a
wireless hand held device, wherein the credit card
reader is adapted to obtain information directly from
the credit card and convert it to electronic credit
card data; and

~~physically permitting a credit card holder~~
the
customer to input an electronic
provide a signature to
the wireless hand held device through a touch screen
display integrated with said wireless hand held device
~~to authorize a credit card transaction associated with~~
~~said credit card; and~~

transferring the economic and electronic credit
card data from the wireless hand held device through a
wireless communication network to a remote server
authorized by the customer's bank to authorize economic
transactions by the customer.

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of ~~physically~~ permitting a ~~credit card holder~~ the customer to ~~input an electronic~~ provide the signature ~~through a touch screen display integrated with said wireless hand held device to authorize a credit card transaction associated with said credit card,~~ further ~~comprising~~ comprises the steps of:

accepting a physical signature input via said touch screen display ~~by a credit card holder;~~ and

converting said physical signature to an electronic signature.

4. (cancelled).

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 41 further comprising the steps of:

authenticating ~~said electronic signature and~~ said the economic and credit card data through said server; and

storing said credit card transaction at said server.

6.(currently amended) The method of claim 5 further comprising the step of:

rendering said electronic signature as a facsimile of a physical signature associated with said electronic signature and ~~credit card transaction~~the economic data at a printing station ~~associated~~accessible to the establishment employee and in communication with said wireless network.

7.(currently amended) The method of claim 51 further comprising the step of:

rendering said electronic signature as a facsimile of a physical signature associated with said electronic signature and ~~credit card trasnaction~~the economic data at a printing station associated with said ~~credit card holder~~customer.

8.(currently amended) The method of claim 51 further comprising the step of:

~~Rendering~~electronically delivering the economic credit card transaction data and said electronic signature as a digitized representation of ~~a~~the physical signature over communication networks to an electronic mailbox associated with ~~said credit card holder~~the customer.

9.(currently amended) The method of claim 51 further comprising the step of:

rendering an electronic receipt in an electronic medium selected by ~~said credit card holder~~the customer, wherein said electronic receipt verifies said credit card transaction.

10.(currently amended) The method of claim 51 further comprising the step of:

rendering an electronic receipt in an electronic medium selected by said credit card holder, wherein, said electronic receipt verifies said credit card transaction and wherein said rendering is based on a credit card holder profile of said credit card holder.

11.(original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of:

transferring said electronic receipt to a user email account associated with said credit card.

12.(currently amended) The method of claim 51 wherein the step of authorizing said electronic signature and said credit card data through said server, further comprises the step of:

authorizing said electronic signature and said credit card data through an authorization server associated with said wireless network.

13.(currently amended) The method of claim 51 further

comprising the step of:

authorizing said electronic signature and said credit card data through a credit card authorization server associated with said wireless network and the bank.

14.(original) The method of 1 further comprising the step of:

transferring an electronic record of said credit card transaction to a wireless printer from said wireless hand held device through wireless communications.

15.(original) The method of 1 further comprising the step of:

transferring an electronic record of said credit card transaction to a wireless hand held device associated with said credit card holder through said wireless communications.

16.(currently amended) A system for processing credit card data through a wireless hand held device, said system comprising:

credit card reading module for reading credit card data from a credit card utilizing a credit card reader integrated with a wireless hand held device; and

electronic signature module for physically permitting a credit card holder to input an electronic signature through a touch screen display integrated with said wireless hand held device for use in authorizing a credit card transaction associated with said credit card;

wireless communications module for transferring said credit card data from said wireless hand held device over a wireless network to remote server associated with a credit card company authorized to approve credit card transactions;

conversion module for converting a physical signature of a credit card holder to an electronic signature.

17.(cancelled).

18.(cancelled).

19.(cancelled).

20.(currently amended) The system of claim 17 further comprising:

authorization module associated with a remote server for authorizing said electronic signature and said credit card data through a remote server.

21.(original) The system of claim 20 further comprising:

rendering module for rendering said electronic signature as a facsimile of a physical signature of said credit card holder and credit card transaction data at a printing station associated with said wireless network.

22.(original) The system of claim 20 further comprising:

rendering module for rendering said electronic signature as a facsimile of said physical signature and credit card transaction data at a printing station associated with said credit card holder.

23.(original) The system of claim 20 further comprising:

rendering module for rendering said electronic signature as a digitized representation of said physical signature and credit card transaction data at an electronic mailbox associated with said credit card holder.

24.(original) The system of claim 20 further comprising:

rendering module for rendering an electronic receipt in an electronic medium for said credit card holder, wherein said electronic receipt verifies said credit card transaction.

25.(original) The system of claim 24 further comprising:

transfer module for transferring said electronic receipt to a user e-mail account associated with said credit card.

26.(cancelled).

27.(cancelled).

28.(cancelled).

29.(cancelled).

30.(cancelled).

31.(new) A process enabling an employee at a point of sale to process a credit card transaction, wherein a customer's credit card is offered by a customer for payment of a sale to the customer, the process carried out by the employee comprising the steps of:

entering data associated with the sale into a wireless hand held device;

enabling the wireless hand held device to read credit card data from the credit card causing contact between the credit card and a credit card reader integrated with the wireless hand held device, wherein the credit card reader is adapted to obtain information directly from the credit card and convert it into electronic credit card data;

obtaining a signature from the customer on a touch screen display integrated with the wireless hand held device, wherein the touch screen display and the wireless hand held device convert the customer's signature into an electronic signature; and

transferring the data associated with the sale and the electronic credit card data from the wireless hand held device through a wireless data communication network to a remote server operated by a credit card company authorized to approve economic transactions by the customer.

32.(new) The method of claim 31 further comprising the steps of:

approving credit card payment for the sale at the server based on at least one of: credit card data, electronic signature, and economic data provided to the server; and

storing information about the credit card transaction at said server.

33.(new) The method of claim 32 further comprising the step of:

receiving approval for the credit card transaction at the wireless hand held device.

34.(new) The method of claim 31 further comprising the step of:

receiving approval for the credit card transaction at the wireless hand held device.

35.(new) The method of claim 31 further comprising the step of:

rendering information about the credit card transaction at a printing station accessible to the employee and in communication with the hand held device through the wireless network.

36.(new) The method of claim 33 further comprising the step of:

rendering information about the credit card transaction at a printing station accessible to the

employee and in communication with the hand held device through the wireless network.

37.(new) The method of claim 34 further comprising the step of:

rendering information about the credit card transaction at a printing station accessible to the employee and in communication with the hand held device through the wireless network.

38.(New) The method of claim 31 further comprising the step of:

electronically delivering information about the credit card transaction over data communication networks to an electronic mailbox associated with the customer.

39.(New) The method of claim 33 further comprising the step of:

electronically delivering information about the credit card transaction over data communication networks to an electronic mailbox associated with the customer.

40.(New) The method of claim 34 further comprising the step of:

electronically delivering information about the credit card transaction over data communication networks to at least one of an electronic mailbox

associated with the customer or a printer, wherein delivery is based on a customer profile stored in at least one of the server or the credit card.